

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.) Confirmation No.: 3512
Application No. 10/678,299) Examiner: Samuel A. Gebremariam
Filed: October 6, 2003) Group Art Unit: 2811
For: ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE AND) Date: October 20, 2008
ELECTRONIC DEVICE)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 18, 2008, Applicants request reconsideration of the above -identified application.

REMARKS

The Office Action of July 18, 2008, was received and carefully reviewed. Claims 2-43 are presently pending in the instant application, with claims 12-19, 33, and 34 having been withdrawn from consideration. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the currently pending rejections are requested for the reasons advanced in detail below.

Claims 35 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner stated that it was “not clear how an entire top surface of the impurity region is entirely in contact with the gate insulating film as recited in claims 35 and 36.” However, Applicant believes that the aforementioned technical feature is clearly recited in the claims and supported by Applicant’s originally filed